

BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION February 7, 2014

Commission members present: John Brown, Jr. and Russell Anzalone

Absent: Robbyn Tumey

Others present: County Clerk Tena O'Brien, Kim Dennison, Sharon Rose, and Voter/Elections Administrator Dana Caler

Media: Tom Sissom, Benton County Daily Record

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. and welcomed everyone.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

- A. Amended Order Appointing Election Officials to Conduct the Special Election to be held on February 11, 2014 for the Referendum on Benton County Ordinance No. 0-2013-68 Entitled An ordinance Establishing An Emergency Medical Service District For The Unincorporated Portion Of Benton County Not Currently Part Of The Northeast Benton County Emergency Medical Service District: Chairman Brown asked Coordinator Kim Dennison to explain the amended order. Kim stated that due to the weather and several poll workers becoming ill, a number of changes had to be made. Chairman Brown made a motion to accept the Amended Order Appointing Election Officials to Conduct the Special Election to be held on February 11, 2014 for the Referendum on Benton County Ordinance No. 0-2013-68 Entitled An ordinance Establishing An Emergency Medical Service District For The Unincorporated Portion Of Benton County Not Currently Part Of The Northeast Benton County Emergency Medical Service District, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.

- B. Discussion of Polling Locations due to Possible Inclement Weather for the Referendum on Benton County Ordinance No. 0-2013-68 Entitled An Ordinance Establishing An Emergency Medical Service District For The Unincorporated Portion Of Benton County Not Currently Part Of The Northeast Benton County Emergency Medical Service District to be held February 11, 2014: Chairman Brown asked Kim to give a report on the polling locations due to possible inclement weather. Kim stated that all of the scheduled polling Sheriff's and poll workers had been contacted, and a list has been compiled of those who may need help in getting to and from the polling sites. Kim added that if needed, Sheriff Kelley Cradduck offered the use of his deputies to pick up and deliver materials and poll workers. Kim stated that all of the polling locations had enough workers assigned to them in case a poll worker is absent. County Clerk O'Brien stated that office staff would also be available, if needed. Chairman Brown thanked Sheriff Cradduck for the use of his deputies and the continued work and support of all the poll workers.

Other Business:

Chairman Brown asked Voter/Elections Administrator Dana Caler if information was included in the absentee ballots informing the voters of the new Identification Law. Dana responded, yes. Commissioner Anzalone asked County Clerk O'Brien if her office had issued any ID's to-date. County Clerk O'Brien stated one (1).

Chairman Brown asked Dana the number of county voters eligible to vote in the Referendum on Benton County Ordinance No. 0-2013-68 scheduled for February 11, 2014. Dana stated 19,996.

Coordinator's Report:

None

Public Comments:

None

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

Chairman Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell J. Anzalone, Secretary
Prepared by Sharon Rose
Benton County Election Commission